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sity moves west there is going to be a new line of property owners that are going to suffer the problems. Now, secondly, Senator Goodrich took several pot shots at my amendment earlier. Now since the decision of this body on Wednesday I have proposed a new amendment which I think is even a better amendment and that amendment will be published and it will be printed and you will have a chance to read it before we debate this thing again on Final Reading and I regret our having to do that, but that amendment would simply transfer the \$3.3 million in cigarette tax money that is designated for this project into the general appropriation fund of the University to make up over half of the \$6 million that was taken out. Now I think that amendment makes a lot of sense and I think that there are a lot of people here that might very well support that. Considering the fact that doesn't it make more sense to support existing faculty salaries and existing operations of the University than to spend \$3 million on land acquisition while those faculty members go through salary increases that are substantially less than the cost of living and substantially less than inflation. So let me just put that brief pitch in now for this amendment which I will have an opportunity to debate in more detail later and also try and clarify with you the actual desires of the neighbors and the extent to which that may not be relevant to this debate because all we are going to do is hurting the values of property owners further to the west if this acquisition takes place. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wesely. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, all opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote quickly. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Debate is ceased. Senator Warner, did you want to speak in closing to the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to maybe briefly say some things that have already been said very well and add a couple of other comments, but first, the basic concept of 410 was to address some issues that have been before the Legislature many times but always deferred because they were easy to defer. Renovation of an old building is always easy to defer. Now every study that I know of that has been made or a review